

ARMY

News and notes of the Service
in Hawaii and Elsewhere

NAVY

CONVENTION OF
U. S. GUARDSMEN
IS POSTPONEDRecent Mobilization Along the
Border Cause, According
to Chairman

In a letter just received at headquarters of the National Guard of Hawaii from the National Guard Association of the United States, Brig-Gen. J. Clifford R. Foster, executive committee chairman, states that owing to the recent mobilization of troops on the border the annual meeting will be deferred.

"Prior to the recent mobilization of the National Guard," he says, "it had been tentatively agreed by this committee that the 1916 meeting of the National Guard Association of the United States should be held at Asheville, September 12 to 14, inclusive. In view of the mobilization, however, and inasmuch as a large number of the officers of the National Guard who would be expected to attend this meeting are in the service of the United States and would be unable to do so, it has been decided by the committee to defer the meeting until some convenient date to be announced later. It is considered that the next meeting of the National Guard Association of the United States should be the largest and most representative which has ever been held, and your committee believes that it is in the interests of our branch of the service that the 1916 meeting be postponed for the reasons stated herein. Ample notice of the date of the meeting when fixed will be given."

Fort Shafter Notes

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
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FORT SHAFTER, Sept. 15.—Enlisted men of the Ordnance Department, states a recent order, will not be required to perform any duties other than those pertaining to their department. The duties of the several grades will be as follows: Sergeants as caretakers, clerks, checkers, overseers, forsmen of laborers and storekeepers. Corporals as caretakers, clerks, checkers, storekeepers and saddlers. Privates first class as packers, messengers, janitors, warehousemen and skilled laborers.

An innovation or rather the restoration of an old custom of the army, has been introduced at guard mount, at Fort Shafter, which takes place at 11:30 a. m. each day and at 9 a. m. Sundays, which consists of the field music and drums used at the adjutant's call, and on the march of the guard to their station for mounting and assignments.

This will appeal to the older officers, as it was the custom to mount guard to the old drums and fifes in the former days, and the custom is still in practice at West Point for certain formations, and on account of the noise of the rattling drums and screeching fifes the music has been dubbed by the cadets "the hell cats," especially as the calls thus used are the earliest heard by the cadets in the morning and the last when the evening's work is over.

To witness guard mounting formation will repay a visit to Fort Shafter, for there are two guards mounted, each consisting of two companies, and the band, and the restoration of the old custom of the field music and the snare drums add interest and dignity to this military ceremony.

There has been received at the post a letter from the Alliance Israélite Universelle, written to the secretary of war and sent through the Department Headquarters, as follows: "In former years I gave to your department the dates of Jewish holidays for the information of the commanding officers in granting furloughs to the Hebrew enlisted men."

"There are now various Jewish organizations taking an interest in the enlisted men, but as this matter may have escaped their attention, I beg to give herewith the following dates of approaching holidays, counting from sunset to sunset. New Year, Sept. 27-29; Day of Atonement, Oct. 6-7; Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 12-14."

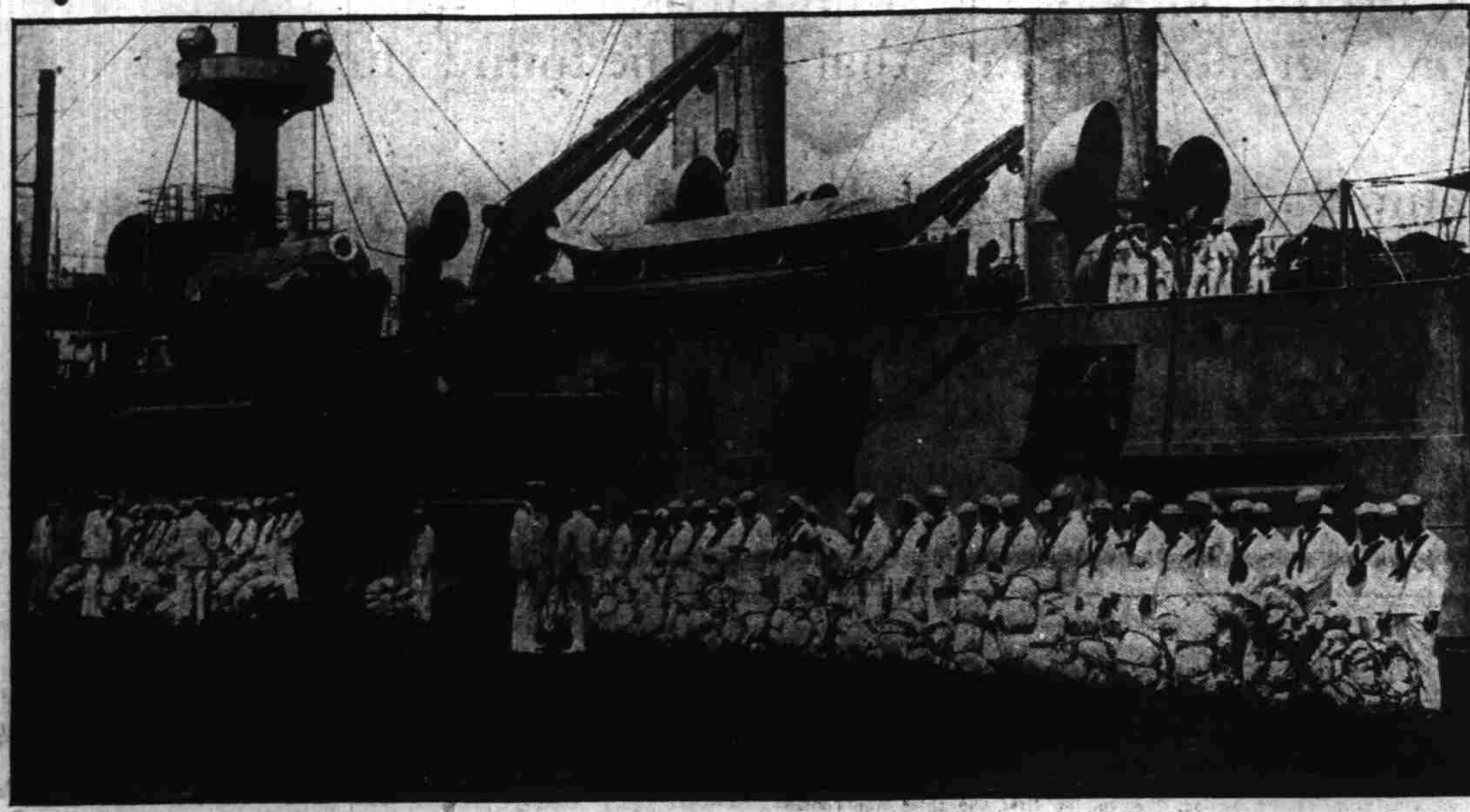
Lieut. Harry C. K. Muhlenberg is making extensive alterations and additions to his quarters in the cantonment, adding a large new room and rearranging the porches, together with a rearrangement of doors and windows on the eastern side of the house.

1st Lieut. Strumberg of the Medical Reserve Corps, who recently arrived with his family on the transport, has been assigned as assistant to the post surgeon at Fort Shafter.

Sergt. Joseph Stewart, electric engineer sergeant, who arrived on the transport Sherman and has been attached to the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Shafter, will be given duty at the new electrical pumping station in the gulch.

Instructions have been received from the War Department, that whenever the number of enlisted men of the Quartermaster Corps were in excess of the number allowed by the new bill of June 3, they are to be

Naval Militia Off For First Cruise On U.S.S. St. Louis



Members of the Naval Militia of Hawaii, gathered on naval dock just before embarking on cruiser St. Louis Thursday for first annual cruise.

CITIZEN SAILORS SHOVEL COAL
SIDE BY SIDE ON BIG CRUISERCalifornia Naval Militiamen
Begin Days of Training
Under Navy Officers

Cheer up, you members of the Naval Militia of Hawaii; there's nothing like your present cruise to insure true democracy. Here's a little yarn from the San Francisco Chronicle of August 24, telling how the California Naval Militia enjoyed life on its voyage:

Capital and labor sweated side by side yesterday.

A heavy film of coal dust begriming hands and faces made rank and station in life undistinguishable as bankers and laborers vied with one another as to who could shovel the most coal.

Forty-six citizens of positions ranging from the lowest to the highest walks of life volunteered to go aboard the United States cruiser South Dakota, now lying in San Francisco Bay, to become sailors for a month. Seventeen of them showed up yesterday.

Only one of them was from San Francisco, William S. Van Cott, a printer. The others were from other points in California and adjoining states.

transferred to the line organizations. This has been carried into effect in some of the posts and will doubtless be adjusted by department orders at Fort Shafter also.

The troops left this morning for the school of fire at Fort Schofield. The sergeants from each company of the 2d Infantry went up by train, and the Machine Gun Co., 2d Infantry mounted leaving with the transport wagons. The course in the school will be most instructive, taking up not only the case adjustment and firing of the machine guns in use in the army, but also the estimating of ranges and distances and the care and handling of the rifle.

The Machine Gun Co. took along fifty men and two officers, Capt. James E. Bell and 1st Lieut. Adrian K. Polhemus, who are in command of that organization of the 2d Infantry. The officers and men will return about October 15 to Fort Shafter.

The subject for the address to be delivered by Chaplain William Reese Scott, 2d Infantry, Sunday evening in the Amusement hall, will be "Treasure and Service in National Life." This month commemorates the capture of Major Andre, September 23, 1780, which event will be the inspiration for the address. The songs and hymns to be sung by the men will be appropriate for the occasion. The chaplain will also hold the usual Sunday morning services and Sunday school in the Headquarters building.

It has been stated by a recent arrival from the mainland, who was in a position to ascertain the information, that all officers now stationed in Oahu will be retained here until the Mexican situation has been relieved or settled. This will at least give what information is known to the officers in the vicinity of Washington.

Lieut.-Col. E. V. Smith, formerly major in the 2d Infantry, and well known here in connection with the work of the military in Carnival affairs, has been promoted to the rank of colonel. All the older officers of the 2d Infantry will remember him and his work in the early days of pioneer life at Fort Shafter.

Among the Pasadena quota were Ernest C. May, a banker worth in the neighborhood of half a million dollars; T. C. Jones, Jr., a bond broker, and H. G. Christy, also a banker.

"This beats sitting at a desk," declared May yesterday as he wielded a big scoop shovel on 900 tons of coal being transferred from lighters lying alongside to the South Dakota's bunkers. "You bet it does," corroborated his 16 fellow-volunteers in chorus.

The South Dakota steamed for San Diego, where Cmdr. Charles M. Tozer received orders as to the itinerary of the month's cruise.

In the meantime the citizen-sailors are receiving instructions from Chief Carpenter William O'Neill and his assistant, A. F. Armstrong, chief turret captain, as to the routine work of Uncle Sam's tars.

The volunteers were permitted to choose the department in which they desired to work. During the morning, however, it is compulsory that they fall to and perform the regular arduous labor of the regulars. They are given instruction in their chosen branches during the afternoon.

and count his service as continuous. This does not apply, however, to non-commissioned officers, who must enlist within 20 days in order to hold their rank and grade in the organization from which discharged.

Two hundred and fifty-four cadets at West Point have reported for preliminary football work. This is the largest squad ever turned out. Besides McKewen, the new captain, Olinphant, Ford and Meacham, there appeared among the new men Eugene Vidal, formerly of the University of South Dakota, trying for the backfield, who holds a 10-second flat record for the 100, is a basketball and baseball player, a star jumper and discus thrower; Peck, who will try for half-back and Stokes of Washington High School, who will try for center. This early work of the squad will interest the officers and men at Shafter.

The officers of Fort Shafter and the families of the same have been invited to attend a dance to be given by the officers of Fort Kamehameha this evening.

Sergt. A. B. Garrege of Company C, 2d Infantry, is taking the final examination for promotion to the rank of second lieutenant of the army, the sergeant took the preliminary examination some time ago, but owing to a technical interpretation regarding the limit his application and prior examination were rejected by the war department. This difficulty has been overcome by the sergeant and the final results of this examination will decide the future for this capable non-commissioned officer of the 1st battalion.

A special court martial has been appointed to meet at Fort Shafter and will consist of the following officers of the 2d Infantry: Capt. Charles L. McKain, 1st Lieut. Claire R. Bennett, 1st Lieut. Joseph A. McAndrew, 1st Lieut. Harry C. K. Muhlenberg and 2nd Lieut. George M. Halloran, 1st Lieut. Thomas C. Spencer, judge advocate.

1st Lieut. Charles S. Wyman in command of the Telegraph and Telephone Platoon of Co. M, Signal Corps, has completely recovered from the slight operation which was performed upon his throat a few days ago at the Department hospital.

The following men were examined from the bakers' course of the school: Corp. James H. Barr, Co. L, 25th Infantry; Pvt. Herbert A. Comford, Bat-

COL. RICHARD C. CROXTON HAS
BELIEF IN 'MOVIE' RECRUITINGSchofield Officer Replies to
Army and Navy Register
in Strong Letter

Whether or not Col. Richard C. Croxtan, 1st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, believes in the time-worn phrase about the comparative strength of the pen and sword, he shows ability to protect himself in a letter to the Army and Navy Register and printed in the issue of that paper September 2.

The letter, which is much too long to print in these columns, was written on July 2 in response to an editorial appearing in the military publication and which bore the title, "More About Army Recruiting." The editorial stated that one army officer had advocated the use of the moving picture machine for getting men into the army, but that the plan had been dropped when the discovery was made that the cost of such work a year would be \$7,250,000. Col. Croxtan takes himself to be the "officer" referred to in the article and answers accordingly. He declares that the cost per week would not exceed \$500 for a moving picture party.

However, his argument for the use of the machine is of much interest, the colonel stating here and there in part: "The idea is not to fire and entice youths from home but to show the parents of such youths that the work is healthy and good for the husky young man and will make him a better producer and husband. The idea is not to picture a life of ease to coax the lazy trifter, but to show a man's job and get real men. An honest set of pictures taken by a sensible man will show the indifferent man that he will not fit in the job, and by showing these pictures in the smaller cities and towns we will offer a good job to American born young men instead of being largely dependent, as now,

upon the enormous foreign-born element in the congested big cities.

"The idea is not your country needs you," but "here's a man's job for men. Take it or leave it or discuss it further in the office or at home; bring your parents or friends tomorrow."

"Cost of making the film is nothing. I have had officers from two companies to make these films for nothing, and one of them offered to make all prints needed for just one-half the commercial rate, viz., 6 cents per foot. The reason for this offer is that in making a trip of perhaps 25,000 miles to get the military pictures there would be opportunities for taking 10 times as much commercial film as military film. Both these offers are on file in the War Department. I have no doubt that the Pathe Company and any others which make a specialty of scenic and travel pictures would make a similar offer for similar reasons. It would be a personally conducted tour through the United States, Hawaii, Philippines, etc.

"Pictures are freely used to convey honest and convincing impressions. Doctors use them to teach sanitation. Manufacturers use them to show machines in operation and to show them doing the work for which built. The militia in several states has used them to recruit and in all cases they have produced results. There is no doubt in the mind of anyone who gives a moment's thought to the subject that moving pictures, operated as I have outlined, will produce all the men needed for the army at about half the present cost per man. Neither is there any doubt that compulsory service or training of some sort is the ideal and cheap defense, nor is there any doubt that our legislators are mostly afraid to tackle the subject. Neither is there any doubt that recruiting by movies will do more than unlimited printing will do toward educating the public to such compulsory training.

GEN. C. W. THOMAS
OF CALIFORNIA
GUARD RETIRES

National Guardsmen of Hawaii will hear with surprise of the retirement of Brig-Gen. Charles W. Thomas, Jr., adjutant-general of the State of California. Many of the local guard and of the army officers here are well acquainted with him. Copies of orders which have just been received here state:

"In accordance with the provisions of subdivision 3, section 1963, Political Code of California, and upon his own application therefor, Brig-Gen. Charles W. Thomas, Jr., was placed upon the retired list and was withdrawn from active service on August 20, 1916, with rank of brigadier-general from August 19, 1915.

"By order of the governor.
"J. J. BORRER,
"Acting Adjutant-General."

Gen. Thomas took the position of adjutant last year upon the death of Adj-Gen. Forbes.

HEAVY FOG NO
BAR TO FLIGHT
OF HYDROPLANE

Officers in Honolulu interested in aviation have received a bulletin last stating that on Friday, August 25, Pilot Victor Carlstrom made flights at Newport News, Va., which so far establish the best records yet made to win the Marine Flying Trophy and the \$1000 cash prize given by Mr. Glenn Curtis.

Carrying a passenger the entire time, Carlstrom flew a twin-motored J-N hydroplane 661 miles, using a total flying time of eight hours and 41 minutes. His course was between two points 25.44 miles apart and most of his flying had to be done with the aid of a compass as a heavy fog had settled over the water.

The contest opened April 15th and will close October 31st.

BLOCK COLLAPSES; SIX MISSING, ONE DEAD, MANY HURT

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Six men are missing, one dead and several are dying in hospitals and a dozen others were injured as the result of the sudden collapse of a five-story brick tenement in the course of construction in the Bronx.

Several arrests have been made, including a member of the contracting firm which was constructing the building.

Hand Grenades,
Not Baseball, Is
New Possibility

Hand grenade throwing may take the place of baseball at Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and other posts on the island of Oahu, for a big shipment of these little instruments is about to be sent to Hawaii, according to the New York World, along with other shipments to the Canal Zone and the Philippines. The throwing of bombs will become one of the features of army training.

Experiments have been conducted by the army with this type of munitions for 10 or 12 years. Two types of grenades were developed long before the European war by Col. Edwin B. Rabbett of the Ordnance Department.

It has been decided to issue two kinds of explosives and illuminating grenades. One will be a hand grenade which will be hurled something after the manner of the old sling shot. The other is to be fired from the end of a rifle. This type of bomb is attached to a rod which slips into the gun. With a blank cartridge the bomb can be thrown about 240 yards. The grenade is a cast iron ball containing about a pound and a half of high explosives.

The illuminating bomb is handled in the same manner as the explosive grenade. When fired in the air it explodes, releasing a silk parachute, from which is suspended a brilliant light which illuminates the terrain for a distance of half a mile. They are found to be useful in guarding against a night attack. All the troops along the border will be supplied with them and they will be used in night operations.

COMPANY M OFF
TO TARGET WORK

Companies I, K, L and M, making up the 3d Battalion, National Guard, will spend the day at rifle practice tomorrow on the Punchbowl range, returning tomorrow evening.

According to arrangements Company M was to leave this morning at 8 o'clock with full equipment for an overnight stay and two days' work at the camp. The company has its own cooks, good ones it is said, and will prepare its own meals during the stay. Capt. W. J. Hampton and 1st Lieut. H. Stuart Johnson will accompany the men to the range. This afternoon instruction in laying out camp sites and pitching tents will be given. This company, which is made up of Filipino guardsmen, has shown special aptitude in picking up the fine arts of military work, according to officers.

GOOD LIBRARY
IS AT ARMORY

With a dozen or more of the best magazines pouring in every week to the library at the armory, that place is taking on a very fine appearance and is proving more and more valuable as a place of leisure and instruction for guardsmen.

A total of 55 of what are conceded by critics to be the foremost magazines of the day have been ordered for the library as a part of the work for enlisted men that is being done by those who have the matter in charge. Tables and lamps have been fitted up and the new system gives promise of bringing one of the most interesting winter seasons that guardsmen have yet enjoyed.

RESUME ARMORY
DANCES TONIGHT

Sgt. Bruce W. Shelton, instructor of infantry at National Guard headquarters, announces that the regular Saturday night dances of the Enlisted Men's Club will be resumed tonight with a masked ball. Last Saturday night the usual dance was not held owing to the dance given by Company A, 1st Infantry, N. G. H. The best of music will be furnished and everybody is welcome.

BOARD TO PROMOTE
RIFLE USE CHOSEN

War Department orders received this week from Washington name the 11 men who are chosen for the board to promote rifle practice. Hon. William M. Graham, assistant secretary of war, heads the board. Other members are Col. George W. McIver, Maj. Palmer E. Pierce, Capt. Frank R. Curtis, U. S. A.; and Capt. William C. Harlee and Thomas Holcomb, Marine Corps; Lieut.-Col. William Libbey, president of the National Rifle Association; Brig-Gen. Lee S. Tillotson, Brig-Gen. Charles W. Thomas, Brig-Gen. Charles D. Gailther and Fred H. Phillips, Jr. The last four named are National Guard officers from various states.

LAND-AND-WATER
AEROPLANE DOES
SOME FINE WORK"Safest Aircraft Known," Say
Experts After Watching
Trials

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The new Curtiss J-N twin motor, combination land and water flying machine was tested here today. The tests were witnessed by the Government Naval Aeronautic Board, members of which expressed themselves as pleased with the success of the trials.

Viktor Carlstrom, holder of several world's records, piloted the machine. He was in the air from early in the morning until nearly dark. On each flight he took a member of the board with him, and the machine was put to almost every test known to the world of aeronautics.

Weather conditions permitting, a 10-hour endurance test will be made tomorrow. Airmen here say the machine today demonstrated that it will stand the test.

Flying men say the fact that the machine will answer to all conditions with only one motor in operation makes it the safest craft known. Great difficulty has been experienced along this line.

The machine also is equipped with the most improved type of propeller. This propeller is the outcome of weeks of experiment, and is built to stand any strain which the motors are capable of giving it.

The naval board is composed of Naval Constructor Richardson, Lieut. W. G. Child and Lieut. C. K. Bronson. Records Made by New Land-and-Water Plane

Rises from the water in 20 seconds.

Maximum speed, 95 miles an hour.

Minimum speed, 45 miles an hour.

Rises from water in distance of 450 feet.

Glides 9 feet to 1-foot drop.

All flights and turns with one motor in operation.

Climbs 5000 feet in 10 minutes.

DANIELS REVIEWS
GROWTH OF NAVY
IN WILSON TERM

Secretary Tells of Achievements Under Democratic Administration

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—A review of what the Wilson administration has done for the navy is given in a long letter from Secretary Daniels to Representative William E. Dill, Democrat of Illinois, made public by the navy department.

As to how and when the navy lost rank among the greater fleets of the world, the secretary quotes the general board as saying that, based on displacement of ships built, the United States advanced to second place in 1907 and lost it to Germany in 1911. The way had been paved in 1905, he says, when President Roosevelt and Secretary Bonaparte recommended the construction of only one capital ship.

Sixth in Personnel

In personnel, the secretary says the navy advanced to second place in 1908, dropped to third in 1911, fourth in 1913 and to sixth in 1916.

Capt. Sims is quoted as saying target practice fell off between 1908 and 1913, and that during the last practice it came up about 40 per cent. Rear-Admiral Fletcher is credited with the statement that recent practice was at 15,000 and 18,000 yards and "it is believed that scores recorded are higher than ever in the open sea."

Similar comments are attributed to Capt. Punnett, director of target practice, and other officers.

Big Increase Shown

In the matter of construction the letter carries a table showing that 55 vessels (\$83,192,935) were appropriated for during the last Roosevelt administration at the Taft and 121 (\$655,289,806) during the Taft and 121 (\$655,289,806) during three years of Wilson's administration. Attention also is directed to the continuing program adopted.

The secretary outlines what has been accomplished toward increasing the personnel, remedying the shortage of officers, opening the way for promotion of enlisted men, departmental reorganization and the mobilization of industries through the naval consulting board.

Particular attention is called to the authorizations for government armor plate and projectile factories, the equipment of navy yards to build capital ships and the increase of wages at navy yards.

AN IMPROVED QUININE
DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEAD
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will be found better than ordinary Quinine. Does not cause nervousness, nor ringing in the ears. Each member, there is only one "Bromo Quinine." The signature of H. W. Grove is on each box.